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May 18, 2021

La. Board of Ethics  
P.O. Box 4368  
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To the Board of Ethics,

Constituent, Rachel Bertrand, contacted Rep. John Stefanski's office asking for an opinion on the following questions.

1. Is it ethical for a member and/or an officer of a drainage board to be included in an executive session during a drainage board meeting when his own property is involved in the matter discussed?
2. Is it ethical for a member and/or an officer of a drainage board to vote on issues that pertained to his own property during regular meetings and/or executive sessions?
3. When the property line is located on the center line of a drainage ditch, is it ethical for a drainage board to continually burden one owner (farm/business/residence) of one side of the ditch to perform maintenance when the other side (residence only) is equally accessible?

The constituent's contact information is below:

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If you need any additional information on this opinion request, please contact Rachel Bertrand at 337-384-6997.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Stefanski".

John M. Stefanski  
State Representative  
District 42

# The Louisiana House of Representatives



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